

the dear sisters whose articles appear in the EVANGELIST. If that is not possible here, may we meet with the Savior, our Lord, who will join us in our great happiness.

Your Sister in Christ,
MRS. CLARA D. JUDY.

FROM ELKHART, IND.

DECEMBER 27th.—The Brethren church Sunday school entertainment on Christmas evening was a grand success. With an old fashioned well filled with presents for the children, officers and teachers. The decoration of the house and the fine program for speaking and singing made it one of the grandest and happiest of all that we have ever had in this church on such an occasion. The committees of Christian ladies worked with untiring zeal, and there will be good accomplished by it.

The school is growing and encouraged to work. I have no praise to offer for myself, but give the teachers and the rest of the officers the praise. As long as I am superintendent, the Brethren literature shall be used. I was raised a Methodist, and was loyal to that church; now I belong to the Brethren, and shall be loyal to her. Let come what will. With Bro. J. A. Miller, as our pastor we will hold the fort. Johnstown people, Ashland college and California Brethren need not be writing and trying to take him away. He is with me and I won't let him go; no use to write for him any more. That is settled he will stay here. I hope and trust I haven't affronted any one. May God bless all who read the EVANGELIST.

J. C. GRIMES. Supt. S. S.

WILLIAMSPORT, N. D.

[Although the following letter was perhaps not intended for publication, we are certain our readers will be much interested and encouraged by our brother's devotion and steadfastness to the cause, and therefore take the liberty of placing it in the columns of the EVANGELIST. Ed.]

DEC. 18th, '93.—I am glad to see the EVANGELIST come from Ashland again. I had my home there for fifteen years—three years in the hall. Hence I am familiar with your surroundings. I should rejoice to see a flourishing school and church there. My greatest interest in this world is in the church even if I do not have the opportunity to enjoy it. I am writing to a stranger and yet I feel that I am acquainted with you. I met you once in Lanark, at A. M., which you may not remember. I almost felt like bringing a charge against you when I learned that you passed by us on our railroad last summer, on your way from California. I should have been happy just

to have met you even if you could not have stopped with us. We are isolated—28 miles to nearest railroad point—but we expect a road nearer in the near future, when I do hope the brethren will stop with us. Some time I may write you fully about spiritual matters here. Success to your work.

JOHN KURTZ.

TO THE BEREAVED

DEAR EVANGELIST:—You have been bringing me very sad news of late, in the announcement of the death of many of my dear friends. I can hardly be reconciled to the loss of Brother Peter A. Cobaugh, of Johnstown, Pa. He was such a noble and useful man, in the church and to society, and had such a pleasant home with such an affectionate wife whom he loved so dearly! The Lord sustain her in her lonely widowhood. Take courage Sister Kittie; you have had a pleasant life to look back upon; may God give you a still brighter future to contemplate the glory of which eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered the heart of any. I always loved Bro. Peter. I knew him from boyhood. I knew and loved his father, and received much kindness from both. His father too was cut down in the prime of life. I would care to write much about them both and to the surviving members of the family, if time and space would permit.

And now I am told that Brother Abram Beeghly, of Dayton, Ohio, has also been called home. He was another of my true and tried friends. I spent many pleasant hours at his happy home, during the transition state of the church. I used to think his was a model country home. His wife, who preceded him to the spirit world by several years, was such a motherly woman, and governed her large family in such a kind and saintly manner that called forth the admiration of all who visited at her house. Oh, how changed it must be at the old homestead, near the National Soldiers Home.

And at last poor, dear, long suffering, Brother Nathaniel Merrill, has been relieved of all his afflictions. I visited him, and prayed by his bedside, which I thought then was his death bed, it must be full thirteen years ago. We used to preach together under the former administration, and had some happy times. But I am really glad that the Lord has taken him home, for he had nothing but suffering and misery for so many long years. The Lord also mercifully sustain and bless his widow, who so faithfully performed her duty to him from whom she had expected her support for life.

Who, Oh, I wonder who will be the next! I am almost afraid to open my paper for fear I will read of the death of some dear one. I am so far from the center of the Brotherhood and my acquaintances, that I do not learn of the illness of any one, and

the first I hear is that they are dead! Oh, it is so shocking. And yet we must all go in the same way. It is only a matter of time. Soon, soon, the places and the people that once knew us, will know us no more. May God help us all to be prepared when the Messenger comes, that we may have the hope of eternal life.

H. B. HOLSINGER.

Rosena, Cal.

DETROIT, KANSAS.

Nov. 30.—Editor BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—I submit a brief report of the condition of the Brethren church at this place. The Gospel doctrine was first preached at Harmony school house one year ago last May, by brother James Kurtz, who has regular appointments at that place. At that time there were nine scattered members, but by the earnest and faithful efforts of brother Kurtz the Harmony Brethren church has been established, and there are now 21 names, all strong in the faith, and in good working order.

We have been able to remit to the Home Mission some eight or nine dollars. We have just closed a series of meetings. We were assisted by brother Yoder, from Brown Co., Kans., whom we found a pleasant and able gentleman, fully competent to expound and defend the doctrine. He preached twelve sermons for us, and the weather being fine the attendance was large. The immediate result was one conversion with many others, counting the cost; we had a feast at the close of our meetings, but the weather suddenly turning bad, a few members did not attend nor the expected visiting brethren from Herington, nevertheless the house was comfortably filled with a respectful and attentive audience. Nineteen Brothers and Sisters partook of the feast, happy and trusting that we shall all be called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

May the Lord abundantly bless the brethren every where, and especially those that are laboring to save souls, is my prayer. If this escapes the waste basket I will try to report our progress from time to time.

F. E. SMITH.

[Please let us hear from you regularly, brother. Ed.]

Jasper, Mo., Dec. 17, 1893.—Our lot has fallen in some very pleasant places since my last communication. On Saturday before the third Sunday in last month our little flock came together at our house and we had a most lovely little communion. It was principally private. Only a few of our neighbors convened beside our little band of twelve—just the number the Saviour had when he instituted it and gave us the command: "You call me Lord and Master"; "if I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye ought also to wash one another's feet." Our good Bro. A. J. Hison officiated for us and preached for us. We held our private communion, and got through in time and went over

to the school house a few hundred yards where a crowd was waiting, and there had a feast from God's word. Also on Sunday and Sunday night we were built up spiritually. May God's blessings rest upon all and strengthen all is my sincere prayer.

O, if we could only get a pastor to serve us. Bro. Hison has partially promised us next year but not definitely. I am glad to learn of so much good being done in so many places. I only wish and pray that it was my lot to be able to meet with some of the dear ones that are doing so much for Christ. I would love to do more for Jesus for he has done so much for me. As for paying for an extra number I don't know what to say; I am an invalid. Have no way to make money but am willing to do all I can and will say this much; I will try if it is a success for it is not half large enough for me. I have often said I wish it to come twice a week. If my physical strength will hold out I will try and do what I can for I do love Jesus and his cause. Pray for me that I may hold out faithfully and receive a crown and a place in the many mansions, that where Christ is I may be also. Your sister in Christ.

FANNIE GARST.

[We appreciate your self-sacrificing spirit. Though you may have no money in your hands, your prayer to God may open the purses of those who do have. Ed.]

BEAVER CITY, NEB.—DEC. 20.—We have occupied our new field of labor nearly one fourth of a year—a sufficient length of time to determine how well we shall enjoy it. We have found here, in this western county, a large hearted people;—benevolent, kind and sociable, with whom it is a pleasure to meet. We have in the Beaver City congregation a class of earnest Christian workers, and we think that the future out-look of this church is flattering. We had a series of meetings here, beginning Nov. 12th and closing Nov. 30th the meetings were well attended and interest very good. While there were no accessions, the church seemed to be much encouraged and strengthened; lasting impressions were made and seed sown that is germinating and we expect an ingathering in the near future—the Lord helping. Bro. Rittenhouse, of Norton co., Kansas, was with us over one Sabbath and preached two very impressive sermons which were appreciated. We held thanksgiving service, followed by a basket dinner.

Our Sabbath school is progressing nicely with Bro. Peter Baer as superintendent, and we are preparing for Christmas entertainment. Arrangements are being made to have services in town twice each month after January 1st. We hope in the near future to have a house of worship of our own in the town when the church becomes financially able; as our church is four miles out in the country. Weather is pleasant; roads dry and dusty; while neighboring states have plenty of snow.

J. R. KELLER.